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In re Application of
Alain CHIELENS, et al.
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For: CYLINDRICAL DRUM SUPPORT
DEVICE

DECISION ON
RENEWED SUBMISSION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.42

This is a decision on the papers filed 20 March 2000 and on the Petition for Withdrawal of Abandonment filed 06 August 2001 in the present application.

On 14 April 1998, applicants filed international application PCT/FR98/00750, which claimed priority of an earlier French application filed 16 April 1997. On 03 December 1998, applicants filed papers for entry into the national stage in the United States, including a declaration of the inventors executed by Alain Chielens, a co-inventor, and by Guillaume METTAVANT and Stephanie METTAVANT as heirs of deceased joint inventor Pierre METTAVANT.

On 15 February 2000, an Office decision objected to the declaration filed 03 December 1998 in that it does not contain an indication that Guillaume METTAVANT and Stephanie METTAVANT are the legal representatives or are all of the heirs of deceased joint inventor Pierre METTAVANT.

On 20 March 2000, applicants filed the present "RENEWED SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.42" along with a "STATEMENT BY ATTORNEY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.42". In the statement, the attorney of record certifies under oath that Guillaume METTAVANT and Stephanie METTAVANT are the sole heirs of deceased joint inventor Pierre METTAVANT.

The statement by the attorney of record alleviates the objection mentioned in the Office action of 15 February 2000. The declaration filed 03 December 1998 is now acceptable under 37 CFR 1.42. With the acceptance of the papers filed 03 December 1998

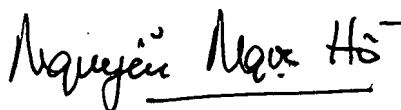
for entry into the national stage in the United States, the Notification of Abandonment issued by the Office on 19 July 2001 was mailed in error and is hereby VACATED.

The application is returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office for further processing. The application has a 35 U.S.C. 371 date of 03 December 1998.



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